

“LOVE GOD’S WORD”

(Psa. 119:97)

I use The American Standard version

The psalmist David expressed his love and devotion to God’s Word on this wise: *“97 Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day,”* Psa. 119:97. It would not be amiss for me to insist that David, above all loved God and his Word. The thoughts, during the day, would be about God and his Word. There would be other things thought of and pondered upon; but, most of all it would be God and his word that would receive his attention. David learned how to use a sling, he would spend time leading his sheep, he would spend time with his harp singing praise to God’ but the most precious part of his life was spent studying, thinking and giving time to **the Word of God**.

We should give time to “**MEDITATING**” upon the word of God. This is what we would call studying and thinking about God’s Word. Almost at the end of his first epistle to the young preacher Timothy, he made this recommendation: *“15 Mediate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all,”* I Tim. 4:15, (KJV), Everyone needs time to think about God’s Word.

As we read, study, and think about God’s Word, we need to “**BELIEVE IT!**” Paul said, *“17 So belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ,”* Rom. 10:17. Without this deep conviction, one cannot be saved, *“6 and without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that seek after him,”* Heb. 11:6. There may be times when we are not able to understand all the deep things of God; but, God has given it and it is our duty too “**believe it.**”

It is demanded of us that we “**LOVE IT!**” In II Thess. 2:10 we learn there are those who do not love truth, *“10 and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that perish; because they receive not the love of truth, that they might be saved.”* Many preachers of the gospel have witnessed, through life, those who did not have a love for truth; but, that does not keep them from looking for those who do love truth. Of those spoken of in Matt. 13, the seed and the sower, we look for the one fourth who love truth. John tells us what is happening when we love truth, *“6 And this is love that we should walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, even as ye heard from the beginning, that ye should walk in it,”* II Jno. 6. The man or woman who loves God will “*walk after his commandments.*”

If a person mediated, believed, and loved the Word of God, it would profit him nothing if he did not “**OBEY THE WORD!**” *“21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him,”* Jno. 14:21. It is the difference between being a goat and a sheep – the goats are rejected; but, the sheep are accepted, Matt. 25:31-46.

When one comes to the judgment day it should be said of him: This person **MEDITATED, BELIEVED, LOVED** and **OBEYED** the word of God. To this person it will be said, “**WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT,**” Matt. 25:21. Too hear that will be worth it all.

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